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USE SHORT WORDS AND ENGLISH ONES.

[Prepared and read by William E. Wright, Esq., before the Irving Lyceum of Middletown, Del.]

Said the quaint Fuller, above two centuries ago, "seeing that we are Christian Englishmen, let us not be naked savages in our speech," and, as applied to the frequent mistakes in the pronunciation of English (heard quite as often from the lips of the educated, as from those of the unlearned) and especially as applied to the needlessly slipshod methods of common speech, where obtains a wholesale beheading, clipping and dropping of letters or syllables, the rebuke is as just to-day as it was then—perhaps a trifle more so, seeing that we stand foremost in the files of men, "rich with the spoils of time," whereby the distribution of knowledge being more general, a better use of the language should result. But alas! in our day, the lack with a large class of writers is greater, if possible, than that which stirred the anger of this ancient Cato of good English, since we are confronted with the additional task of getting them to write their own tongue at all, even though badly!

A word as to the folly of using big words, and borrowing foreign ones, when writing English.

The art of writing correct English is worthy to be ranked among the fine arts. Like them, it is the fruit of laborious study, or, as that compact axiom put it, *Limæ labor et mora*—The labor and the delay of the file; as if by a painfully slow process, with a little hand tool, one should shape the massive iron frame of a great ship! But when comparing one's own lame periods with the marvels of prose in which the language abounds, one is half persuaded to believe that writers of prose not less than writers of poetry, are born, not made, as Horace says in his Art of Poetry. Yet the testimony of many famous writers is that they acquired their art by long and diligent use of the file. Burns and Franklin have left in their delightful autobiographies encouraging accounts of how they attained their simple, but perfect styles. Beecher said it took him almost a lifetime to get his skill of composing briefly and well, and Pope says "ease in writing comes not by chance." If, then, these eminent minds achieved at such cost the mastery of their mother-tongue, will the common student do more by dividing his attention between several languages? Let us see what sort of coinage these great thinkers have put forth from the mintage of their golden brains, and note if their issue be alloyed with foreign metal. Scan the pages of the Rambler, the Tatler, or the Spectator, and learn how Steele, Addison and Johnson wrote. Observe the diction of De Quincey or Swift. Study but a leaf of Locke or Burke, Gray or Scott, and remark how they all wrote English in its purity, without weakly borrowing from other tongues.

Thus from the Lady of the Lake, by Scott:—

> The stag at eve had drunk his fill
> Where danced the wave on Monan's rill;
> And deep his mid-night lair had made,
> In lone Glenartney's hazel shade.—

Here we have in four verses, only one word of more than a single syllable (proper names excepted), and not a foreign word in the whole poem! Again from Scott:

> Breathes there a man with soul so dead
> Who never to himself hath said,
> "This is my own, my native land!"

Words of one syllable with but one of two. Again, the simple lines that begin Paradise Lost:

> Of man's first disobedience and the fruit
> Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
> Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
> With loss of Eden, till one greater man,
> Restore us, and regain the blissful seat,
> Sing Heav'nly Muse—

Here in six lines are found but four words of more than one syllable. Thus, that fine digression in book first which describes a whale, to whom in size, the fallen Fiend floating on the burning lake, is likened:

> Him haply slumb'ring on the Norway foam,
> The pilot of some small night-founder'd skiff
> Deeming some island, oft, as seamen tell,
> With fixed anchor in his scaly rind,
> Moors by his side under the lee, while night
> Invests the sea, and wished morn delays.

Or the mournful beauty of its closing lines:—

> The world was all before them where to choose,
> Their place of rest, and Providence their guide.
> They, hand in hand, with wand'ring steps and slow
> Through Eden took their solitary way.

Thus, in these three selections from this confessedly *learned* work, more than eighty-five per cent of the words are monosyllabic, while there is not one word other than English in the entire poem.

Again the exquisite close of our finest poem, Thanatopsis:—

> So live, that when thy summons comes to join,
> The innumerable caravan that moves
> To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death,
> Though go, not like the quarry-slave at night,
> Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained, and soothed
> By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
> Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
> About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams!

How would a little dash of cheap French ochre improve this picture? Or some bookish Italian mend this stirring call to duty from Longfellow's Psalm of Life:—

> Life is real, life is earnest
> And the grave is not its goal,
> Dust thou art to dust returneth
> Was not spoken of the soul.

Or the simple grace of Whittier's Psalm:—

> The woods shall wear their robes of praise,
> The south wind softly sigh,
> And sweet, calm days, in golden haze,
> Melt down the amber sky.

Who does not admire the easy style of the philosopher Franklin, who whether he give a choice bit of narrative, or announce some marvelous discovery in science, or propound some sage matter of statesmanship, makes choice of words so simple they almost startle the reader? Of his early house-keeping he modestly says:

"We kept no idle servants, our table was plain and simple, our furniture of the cheapest. For instance, my breakfast was for a long time bread and milk (no tea), and I ate it out of a two-penny earthen porringer, with a pewter spoon. But mark how luxury will enter families, and make a progress, in spite of principle. Being called, one morning to breakfast, I found it in a china bowl with a spoon of silver! They had been bought for me without my knowledge, by my wife, and had cost her the enormous sum of three and twenty shillings, for which she had no other excuse or apology to make, "but that she thought *her* husband deserved a silver spoon and china bowl as well as any of his neighbors." Again he says: "I had only one year's instruction in a Latin school, and that when very young, after which I neglected that language entirely. But when I had attained an acquaintance with the French, Italian and Spanish, I was surprised to find on looking over a Latin Testament that I understood more of that language than I had imagined." And yet Franklin, though one of the greatest of philosophers, profoundly versed in many abstruse sciences and skilled in many tongues, *uniformly* wrote English of unapproachable simplicity.

The writer does not recall to have met in Paradise Lost, in Tempest or in Macbeth, a single foreign word. Little need the student has for a dictionary, other than an English one, when reading Macaulay, Scott, Irving or Prescott. But, touch the minor authors, especially the manneristic school of to-day, in any field of letters, and you find as the good English goes out the bad French comes in, and the lower you descend, in the scale of literary merit, the more you see the foreign phrases besprinkling a page, like hot pepper, to spice the stale dish: while just as surely, you discover this common agreement in all those great masters of the speech, whose works the unanimous verdict of posterity has pronounced *classic*, that *they* all wrote plain, easy English.

To use foreign words when writing English, is illogical. Could anything be more illogical than to write French for an Englishman to read or, supposing a foreigner equally absurd, English for a Frenchman to read! And yet this is what the literary coxcombs of the two countries often do. This is, indeed, justifying that old French saying, that, because of its tart flavor, has been ascribed to Talleyrand, that "language was given men to conceal their thoughts:" though this class of writers have usually few thoughts to conceal. Then, it mars the unity of an English sentence to inject into the middle of it a foreign word or phrase, that often agrees but illy with its English fellows, as a bit of badly shaped stone does in a fine mosaic. If the author write, as surely, he must, to please and profit his reader, does he the better do this by couching his thought in a language unknown to that reader? If he does not write for such a purpose what *does* he write for? To display how much *he* knows (or thinks he does,) and how little the reader?

Perhaps—and be voted an ass for his pains! Or he does not know the proper English word to express his idea and thereupon drags into his sentence the trite conventional French or Italian phrase, often got, parrot-like by rote, as it is badly used by half the town, which at once confounds his reader and shames himself. That he find himself unable to put his thoughts into native dress, should be but a spur to urge him to greater diligence to acquire by research and practice that easy yet elegant mastery of the language that marks the best writers. Then why be at pains to leave a copious vocabulary of over 100,000 words, that like a vast army of able soldiers stand obedient to any bidding, and seek the aid of alien hirelings that cause the writer's verbal army to show like a tatterdemalion array of ill assorted troopers. Surely the thought of these writers is not so ponderous that it cannot out of such a huge machinery construct for itself a vehicle! Shakespeare himself, so supremely lofty in his genius that he is called the "myriad-minded" only employed 16,000 of this number, and of these used 6,000 but once, which would leave his usual working force of words only 10,000—less than ten per cent of the language.

Is it not rather a tacit confession of weakness, thus to seek the meretricious help of other tongues that with high sounding terms import to the ignorant the notion of great learning, but which, indeed, is only the vain glorious display of a wordy bombast. Perhaps it may cost some bravery to be content with the homely forms of speech which will generally serve our ends, to clothe our thoughts in the plain home-spun of every day working folk: but if the thought be great, how by contrast its greatness shows forth the more visibly, because of this modest attire, so true it is that Beauty unadorned is adorned the most. For young writers in particular it can easily be imagined, that some firmness is required to refuse the frippery of a gaudy dress, trinked out like the blanket of a savage with cheap foreign tinsel, and put on, instead, the quiet Quaker drab of plain common sense, that common people understand. But for one cause they may be thankful, they are at least secure from being laughed at. For when one sees a writer clothing, so to speak, the children of his brain of only common stature or less, in garments a world too wide for their small frames, thinking to make the little fellows appear men, is not the spectacle sure to provoke laughter, like the sight of a small boy dragging his father's coat at his heels?

(CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.)

TWO NEGATIVES.

"No, I wont!"

June Egbert's bright coquetish face was aflame with anger, her black eyes sparkled dangerously, and her thin lips trembled with excitement, while Leigh Sargent only laughed a low musical laugh that grated upon her irate sensibilities with redoubled force as the handsome eyes shone down upon her, and he made no movement to change his position of protecting ownership.

"You will some day, little girl. I am sure I have not loved you in vain. I even think you care a little now, though you won't forgive me."

"You are indeed mistaken," spitefully returned June, standing very erect, and looking still as angry as she could with that pleading look fastened upon her. "I don't love you, and I refuse most emphatically ever to be your wife. I hope that is sufficient," and she paused to note the effect her words had.

Leigh turned a trifle paler.

"You do not mean it, love. Oh! June, be true to yourself; tell me the truth; do not let a feeling of anger and pride divide you from a love that is as strong as life itself. Forgive me, June," and she was drawn close to him, and he could feel her tremble, "and you shall never have cause again to doubt."

One instant of hesitation, then June released herself."

"That will do," she said haughtily; "I mean what I said."

"Very well," returned Leigh, quite icilly now. "I will leave you to attain a different frame of mind, and will say good-bye. I should have gone to N—— two hours since."

"For how long?" queried June, with new interest.

"For an indefinite time," came the answer; a case needs my attention at once."

"But I thought, I am sure Myra said, you had two months' vacation," said June.

"Oh, no! I should have gone back long since. I dallied because, you know why," glancing down fondly, "but if——"

"How do you go?" interrupted his companion.

"I shall ride Ned. It is but a short trip, and he is my favorite saddle-horse."

"Not Black Ned?" Miss Egbert looked anxiously up at Leigh Sargent, who bit his mustached lips to hide some emotion.

"Yes, why not?" he queried.

"Oh, nothing!" the old nonchalance returning, "only one hates to see a friend killed through mere carelessness."

"Do you care?"

The query was so hasty that all June's color flashed up, but she veiled her eyes with drooping lids, saying only:

"Do just as you please," and with an exclamation of disgust Leigh left her at the piazza of her sister Myra's home, and half an hour later dashed away on Black Ned.

Miss Egbert and Mr. Sargent seemed doomed to quarrel. Of late a treaty of peace had been adopted for a short time, but Leigh had seriously offended her. Had he not flirted outrageously with Sadie Birmingham, driving with her past their home in the moonlight, and saying all sorts of silly things, none knew what, because she, June, would not answer his straight-forward, manly question—"Can you learn to love me?"

Yes, she was seriously offended, she told herself, and anger with her meant spiteful, freakish moods, and the ability to bear untold misery herself, for the sake of punishing the offender.

There was a guilty pang at her heart as she thought of her falsehood to Leigh, an unutterable loneliness as she thought of him gone to come back no more. Tease her he did, to be sure, but was he not tender and gentle to her, though a trifle masterful, for which she had loved him, womanlike, the more. The tears almost came, but June was a determined atom of humanity, as heroic as she was dainty and lovable, and she put the thought that she had done wrong resolutely away.

An hour later the dusk was settling over all the world. With a faint cry June recognized a foaming, riderless black steed come dashing up the road.

"It's Ned!" was all she could say in a low whisper to herself, as she crept out to the end of the green lawn and sobbed out her first grief. A little later the voice she loved reached her ear—a voice she had thought never to hear again.

"June, darling," it said, while strong arms encircled her, "were you alarmed? Tell me why you are here? Ned threw me and escaped, and I had to walk back," and two bearded lips pressed her tremulous ones.

In an instant, feeling him safe, the old shyness had returned. Slipping from his embrace she ran without stopping till she reached her own door, while Leigh with a smile returned to his hotel, going in the morning to his work with a cheerfulness none could account for.

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Later, the summer had faded. The chilly days of late autumn hung over the little village. Leigh Sargent, who had come up for a few days, endeavored to grant Miss June the opportunity to finish the abridged quarrel.

"You've said enough," he laughed, at last. "Come, June, you love me some, after all, and you are going to be my dear little wife, aren't you?"

"No, I don't, and I'm not!" decidedly returned his companion, red with vexation. "I think you assume too much altogether. In the face of both of my negatives you insist on believing I do not mean what I say, and think that I am going to marry you despite my refusals."

"Yes, for your two negatives will make an affirmative. However, June, I'm going away for all time and I will not trouble you after to-day."

"So soon? I thought you meant to take a week," came the faint answer.

"So I did, but there's nothing to keep me here now, and I shall go."

With a sudden look downward, Leigh for the fiftieth time changed his mind.

"June," he said, impetuously, "look at me."

The dark eyes met his an instant, then roved off again.

"Listen," he said, imperatively, "I will stay if you wish it. Tell me if it is anything to you whether I do or not."

The small hands that he had detained for a moment were pulled away. Miss June was quite herself again. Coolly, very calmly, she replied:

"Oh! yes, stay, if we can keep peace! We have quarrelled long enough. Still, the days are cooler, and it isn't so fatiguing as it was; besides, every one else is away, and we hardly see a soul. Stay your vacation out," with a side gleam of mischief in the merry eyes.

She was not rewarded, however, by vexation on her companion's part, though he stopped suddenly.

"I will go this evening; good-bye," he said, extending his hand; but disregarding it entirely, Miss June said saucily:

"You will call and say good-bye after lunch."

"'Till then, good morning."

Leigh registered a vow that afternoon as he pursued his way toward the home of his lady-love. Never had she looked more lovely, he decided; and June, with a quick look upward, realized that something was wrong. Without a word he crossed the room and took her in his arms. "June," he said firmly, "once before I held you here and let you go; this time I never will till you tell me decidedly that you do not love me; that you will not be mine, or until you kiss me and promise to be my wife."

June trembled violently and sought to escape.

"Myra will be here in ten minutes," he went on, as he opened his watch to note the flight of time.

"You won't keep me here?" pleadingly came from June.

"Yes, I will.

"June, look up;" and laying a hand beneath her chin, he raised her face till his eyes held her own. "I love you, and I have a right to your answer. The time is nearly gone," he answered soon after. "Myra will be here in three minutes."

No answer.

He watched the sweet face against his breast as the blushes rose and fell.

"Tell me," he murmured; "I hear her in the hall, and Burt is with her."

"Not really?" queried June excitedly.

"Truly," came the calm answer.

"Oh! please, Leigh, let me go!"

"When you do what I wish," was his deliberate reply.

"Oh, dear."

The words were a hasty breath as June heard the footsteps approaching. Two small hands were reached about Leigh's neck, and her lips touched his.

"Yes, I do; I will."

"My darling!"

Her burning face was covered with his kisses; then she stood released just as Myra and her husband entered.

Myra Howe wondered at the amicable silence that reigned and June's frantic color, but she only laughed, "Let us have peace," and soon after left the room.

Strange to relate, June and Leigh are the most amiable couple in existence, and she even laughs lightly with a blush when Leigh inquires teasingly if she thinks an affirmative can be considered gained by two negatives.

LENGTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Mark Twain mourns over the diminished length of the Mississippi in this strain: Therefore, the Mississippi between Cairo and New Orleans, was 125 miles long 176 years ago. It was 1180 after the cut-off of 1722. It was 1040 after the American bend cut-off some years ago. It has lost 67 miles since. Consequently, its length is only 973 miles at present. Now, if I wanted to be one of those scientific people, and to prove what had occurred in the long past by what had occurred in a given time in the recent past, or what will occur in the far future by what has occurred in late years, what an opportunity is here! Geology never had such a chance nor such exact data to argue from! Nor development of species, either. Glacial epochs are great things, but they are vague—vague. Please observe. In the space of 176 years the lower Mississippi has shortened itself 242 miles. That is an average of a trifle over one mile and a third per year. Therefore any calm person, who is not blind or idiotic, can see in the old Oolitic Silurian period, just 1,000,000 years ago next November, the lower Mississippi was upwards of 1,300,000 miles long, and stuck out over the Gulf of Mexico like a fishing rod. And, by the same token, any person can see that 742 years from now the Mississippi will be only a mile and a quarter long, and Cairo and New Orleans will have joined their streets together, and be plodding comfortably along under a single mayor and a mutual board of aldermen. There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such trifling investments of fact.

A STRANGER'S MISTAKE.

A few days ago a Western merchant entered a dry goods house on Broadway and accosted the first person he met with:

"Are you the proprietor?"

"Not exactly," was the reply; "I am shipping clerk, but I am cutting my card for partnership next year by organizing a noon prayer meeting in the basement."

The stranger passed on to a very important-looking personage with a diamondpin and asked:

"Are you the head of the house?"

"Well, no; I can't say that I am at present, but I have hopes of a partnership in January. I'm only one of the travelers just now, but I am laying for a $200 pew in an up-town church, and that will mean a quarter interest in less than six months."

The next man had his feet up and his hat back, and a twenty-five cent cigar in his mouth, and he looked so solid that the stranger said:

"You must run this establishment?"

"Me!" Well I may run it very soon. At present I'm bookkeeper, but I'm expecting to get into the choir where the old man's darling is, and become an equal partner here."

The stranger was determined not to make another mistake, and walked around until he found a man with his coat off and busy with a case of goods, and he said to him:

"You porters are pretty busy here, I see?"

"Yes," was the brief reply.

"But I suppose you are planning to invest in a gospel-hymn book and sing the old man out of an eighth interest, aren't you?"

"Well, no not exactly," was the quiet reply, "I am the old man himself."

And all that stranger said, after a long minute spent in looking the merchant over, was:

"Well, durn my buttons!"—*Ex.*

TITLES FOR LADIES.

What awkward prefixes Mrs. and Miss are to be the names of our women! Mr. is distasteful enough as a masculine title, but that the unpronounceable Mrs. and the hissing Miss should have survived as long as they have is a reflection upon the good sense of English-speaking people. Mistress or Mrs. might be revived—indeed, it would be a great improvement; but how inferior even this term is to Madame of the French! For Mademoiselle we have actually no exact equivalent, for this term may be used either as a prefix to the name or separately as a title, while the use of Miss without the name to follow is a vulgarism of the deepest dye. This fact leads to many awkwardnesses. How shall a person address a young lady whose name he does not know? To say "Miss" is abominable; to say "Madam," if she is very young, is absurd; to borrow "Mademoiselle" would be an affectation. The Language absolutely provides nothing appropriate in such an emergency, unless a word fairly obsolete in this use is revived—the word lady. We occasionally hear common people address a lady simply as lady, while the better informed, as they are supposed to be, stumble at "Madam," or are guilty of the impropriety of saying "Miss." It could be adopted more freely in this country than in England, because here it is not a title of rank, and no exclusive class is entitled it.—*Appleton's Journal.*

SEVERAL cases are said to have occurred in Georgia of paralysis caused by locusts. One of these creatures fastens itself to the exposed skin, as of the face, and the victim becomes paralyzed. The locust which causes this terrible prostration of the nervous power is said to be the seventeen-year locust, having red eyes and a "W" on the wings. We think, in justice to their reputations as law-abiding, highly-respectable, and honorable citizens, that Messrs. Williams, (of the *Norristown Herald,*) Weaver, (of the *New Haven Register,*) Wilkins, (of the *Whitehall Times,*) Whipple, (of the *Yonkers Gazette,*) and Way, (of the Middletown TRANSCRIPT,) ought to have the "W" mark removed from these locusts. It is an outrageous impertinence on the part of the locust, and should not be tolerated. —*Phila. Sun.*

Fred Douglas has probably got the softest place in the gift of the government, that of register of deeds of the District of Columbia. The pay is $7,000 per annum. The former register says it is as good a place as he knows of, and as free from the cares of business. He says that while he held the office his "office hours were from half past twelve to a quarter of one every other Wednesday." We hate to see a rich government confine its officers to their offices in such a manner. This is what is killing off prematurely, so many of our American office holders and we trust Mr. Douglas will take a little more recreation than his predecessor has done. —*Peck's Sun.*

Some students of Harvard College have revived the Greek drama, and gave one of them last Monday evening before an audience of over 1,000. Greek drama would catch our coppers every time. We have never seen the time yet that we wouldn't pay a dollar to go and hear something that we couldn't understand.—*Peck's Sun.*

The best people will vote for the best man every time. And we judge by the number of the St. Jacob's Oil constituency, that it is the best remedy for the rheumatism known. Prof. Tice, of St. Louis, among others, says so.—*Rural New Yorker.*

The Middletown Transcript.

W. SCOTT WAY, Editor & Proprietor.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17, 1881.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, but to insure insertion they must be brief and to the point. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of correspondents. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

A. C. SCOVEL, a well-known lawyer and politician of Camden, N. J., died on Monday.

THE Pennsylvania Greenbackers have nominated R. W. Jackson, of Mercer county, for State Treasurer.

OVER SIXTY PERSONS are said to have been killed by the great storm that prevailed in Kansas and Missouri on Sunday last.

ANOTHER CLERK in the Chicago post-office, Hugh E. Mullen, has been arrested on the charge of stealing money from letters.

J. S. BROWN, of Fort Worth, Texas, has recovered $5,000 from the Western Union Telegraph Company for failure to deliver a message.

A RUSSIAN DISPATCH states that M. Pobedonosstzeff, Minister of Justice, has received a threatening letter. A man with a name like that ought to be threatened.

WILLIAM PINKNEY WHYTE, recently nominated for Mayor of Baltimore by a "Committee of One Hundred," was nominated for the same office by the Democratic Conservatives, on Saturday.

EMORY, the fiend who feloniously assaulted and murdered his betrothed, a Miss Taylor, in Arkansas, about a year ago, was taken from the jail in which he was confined, on Monday night, and hanged.

ONE of the largest sales of imported cattle, composed of Jerseys and Guernseys from the Channel Islands, began in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The bidding was lively and the stock brought good prices.

KANSAS has been swept by another tornado which demolished churches, schools, public halls and many dwellings. Several villages were almost destroyed. Kansas is one of the best States in the Union—to move away from.

THE CHEROKEE NATION will, in August, elect members of the National and Grand Councils and the canvass is quite exciting already. One candidate, who was getting a little too conspicuous, has been murdered and others are being gunned for.

A GREAT STORM prevailed in Minnesota and Central Iowa, Saturday night. Buildings were demolished, trees uprooted and great damage done to the growing crops. Immense hail stones fell in some sections, and a number of persons were killed by the wind or lightning.

SECRETARY BLAINE is going on a protracted fishing excursion for the benefit of his health. Conkling will not have time to go fishing this season, but will hang up his shattered health along with his overcoat until he gets through looking for that knot-hole, through which he hopes to crawl back into the Senate.

JOHN GRISCOM, the Chicago faster who bids fair to out-starve Tanner, has passed the twentieth day of his fast and is living hilariously on thirty ounces of water per day. He weighed 171¾ pounds on Thursday, took his water straight, and remarked that he didn't care a cent whether there was a famine next year or not.

A DIABOLICAL plot to kill workmen was discovered in a Chicago stove foundry, on Friday last. Two pounds of gunpowder was found in one of the moulds just as molten iron was about to be poured into it. Had this been done, the fiery metal would have been blown over all the men in the foundry. A striking moulder is charged with the crime.

THEY ARE still voting for U. S. Senators at Albany, but with no apparent prospect of an early election. The ballots on Thursday in joint convention of the Legislature were as follows: For the short term—Jacobs, 51; Wheeler, 39; Conkling, 32; Cornell, 11; Lapham, 12; scattering, 12. For the long term—Depew, 54; Kernan, 52; Platt, 27; Cornell, 12; Crowley, 5; scattering, 5.

A Little Talk to Boys of a Certain Class.

Boys, stand up a moment. One who has heard more thunder than you have wants to talk to you a little while. He knows that you are tremendously smart, but, may be, you can learn a little more, even if you are boys. You know enough now, you may think, but after awhile you will find out you don't know so much.

You are about to start out into the world, boys, and, above all things else, it will be necessary for you to sacredly guard your rights. Set a high valuation upon yourselves, for you may be sure no one will do this for you, and it will always be necessary for you to do for yourselves whatever you cannot get any one else to do for you. Cultivate an independent sort of air, like you didn't care whether Congress adjourned or not, and likewise cultivate a good, solid, substantial cheek. Cultivate both if you can, but the cheek any how. Without cheek you would be a hollow failure, and will never rise in life unless you happen to be sitting on the roof of a powder mill some day when it blows up. When you go out in search of work, which you may find it inconveniently necessary to do at some time before you arrive at man's estate, fix a good price on your labor and stick to it. Don't work for less than what you think you are worth, if anybody will keep you in idleness. If you think you ought to have two dollars a day, and a man has the impudence to offer you one dollar, bristle up like an offended porcupine and ask him what he takes you for. Don't go to throwing your valuable time away at half-price. Better sit on the counter of the corner grocery and enjoy yourself and develope your intellectual faculties by spitting at a knot-hole in the wood-box. This employment is instructive, elevating and amusing, and don't cost you a cent. When you do accidentally fall into a job of work at your own figures, remember that you are working for wages only. Bear in mind that you know just as much as your employer, if not a little more. Don't work to his interest any more than you can help, because he might some day have an opening in a higher position and want to promote you to it. When the bell rings, drop whatever you are doing at once. Nothing rasps on the feeling of an employer more than to have a boy work a few minutes over time. He might lose a whole night's rest wondering how in the mischief it ever happened. If he should ask you to stay an hour in the evening, in time of a rush of work, knock him down on the spot, if you are able, and if you are not, go round the corner and knock down a small boy instead. This will relieve your feelings for the time being. Always impress it upon your employer's mind that your evenings are your own for rest and recreation at the billiard table. If you wasted your precious evenings helping him out of a tight place in a busy season you might never become an expert with the cue, and besides you might be compelled to save a few dollars out of your week's salary by not knowing how to get rid of it. Be sure to join all combinations against capital. Capital is the one great antagonist of labor. If there were no capitalists there would be no laborers, and, therefore, the quicker you crush out the capitalists the better. Always spend a little more than you earn and the merchants with whom you deal will think a great deal more of you, and perhaps think of you oftener, too. By following the above simple and easy rules you will, in good time, perhaps, come to be a first-class loafer, tramp or something else equally noble and great, and in the end occupy a conspicuous position among the guests of a county hotel and dine sumptuously on bean soup every day of your life.

Literary Gossip.

ALX. E. SWEET, the Texas humorist who made a National reputation for the Galveston *News*, has commenced the publication of the *Texas Siftings*, a bright and handsome sheet, at Austin.

WADE WHIPPLE, one of the popular paragraphers and humorists who has won fame through the columns of the Yonkers *Gazette*, is the author of two new and popular songs: "Over in the Barnyard," and "Rest, Baby, Rest." If he will guarantee the last one to make the baby "Rest," if for only one hour out of the twenty-four, nearly every head of a family will want a copy.

THAT new store of John Wanamaker & Co., the careful Clothiers of Philadelphia, opened last fall, next door to the Continental Hotel on Chestnut Street, has proved a great sucess. Crowds of people were there all through this season picking out Boys' and Young Men's Clothing (the Men's Clothing is in the big store next door). It is not hard to open a store and put up a sign but it is an achievment to keep it open year after year, and not only satisfy buyers, but win new customers. The Wanamaker people certainly should have the clothing business by heart by this time without doubt. They carry the largest stocks, and never stop manufacturing more. The business this year, we are told, is larger than ever. "Nothing succeeds like success," and no clothing seems such a success as Wanamaker's, taking wear, fit and price into account.

A FOOL ONCE MORE.—"For ten years my wife was confined to her bed with such a complication of ailments that no doctor could tell what was the matter or cure her, and I used up a small fortune in humbug stuff. Six months ago I saw a U. S. flag with Hop Bitters on it, and I thought I would be a fool once more. I tried it, but my folly proved to be wisdom. Two bottles cured her, she is now as well and strong as any man's wife, and it cost me only two dollars. Such folly pays.—H. W., Detroit, Mich.—*Free Press.*

Business Gossip.

HOW TO SECURE HEALTH.—It seems strange that any one will suffer from the many derangements brought on by an impure condition of the blood, when SCOVILL'S SARSAPARILLA AND STILLINGIA, OR BLOOD AND LIVER SYRUP will restore perfect health to the physical organization. It is indeed a strengthening syrup, pleasant to take, and has proven itself to be the BEST BLOOD PURIFIER ever discovered, effectually curing Scrofula, Syphilitic disorders Weakness of the Kidneys, Erysipilas, Malaria; all Nervous disorders and Debility, Bilious complaints and all Diseases indicating an impure Condition of the Blood, Liver, Kidneys, Skin, etc. It corrects indigestion. A single bottle will prove to you its merits as a health renewer, for it ACTS LIKE A CHARM, especially when the complaints of an exhausted nature, having a tendency to lessen the natural vigor of the brain and nervous system.

ALL IN the MERRY MAY MORNING!—A special telegraphic dispatch from M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. on May 10th last, to the office of M. A. Dauphin, No. 212 Broadway, New York City, N. Y., states that at the drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery that day, among the prizes drawn were ticket No. 4,941, sold and in halves to Geo. P. Deshon, 44 Kilby st., Boston, Mass.; and a gentleman in Washington, D. C., drew $30,000; ticket No. 88,416, sold to D. E. Wenzelle, 869 N. 9th st., Philadelphia, and to Matthew Gelson, *Eagle Office*, Brooklyn, N. Y., drew $10,000; ticket No. 51,414, sold to A. D. Riffle, 225 Segar av., and Fred. Schroeder, 836 Michigan st., Toledo, O., drew $5,000; tickets No. 4,166, sold in New Haven, Conn., and No. 24,887, sold to Wm. R. Brewer, Baltimore, Md., drew $2,500 each; and tickets No. 25,204, sold in Wilmington, N. C.; No. 31,889, sold in Otumwa, Iowa; No. 33,250, sold in Lafayette, Ind.; No. 74,541 sold in New York and Galveston, Texas, and No. 93,257 sold in Reading, Pa., drew $1,000 each, and so $110,400 was distributed. Another similar distribution takes place July 12th.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.—The following statement of William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for it the attention of our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer 1877 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctor said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I laughed at my friend, thinking that my case was incurable, but I got a bottle to satisfy them, when to my surprise and gratification, I commenced to feel better. My hope, once dead, began to revive, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have the past three years.

"I write this hoping you will publish it, so that every one afflicted with Diseased Lungs will be induced to take DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS, and be convinced that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED. I have taken two bottles and can positively say that it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness. My cough has almost entirely disappeared and I shall soon be able to go to work." Sold by druggists.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Amber,	0 00@1 20	Old,	00@00c
Timothy Seed	3 75	New,	00@52c
Clover Seed, ₱ lb	@11c	Oats,	00@45c

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ₱ doz.	@18c	Chickens, live,	
Butter, ₱ lb	12@14c	spring,	₱ lb 15c
Lard,	₱ lb 10@11c	Potatoes, bus,	$1@$1.10

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Prime red,	1 20@1 24	Yellow,	56@58c
Timothy Seed,	3 50	White,	56@58c
Clover Seed, ₱ lb	8@9c	Oats (Delaware)	44@46c

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Good to amb.	1 25@1 28	White,	59@65c
OATS—		Yellow,	57@58c
Southern,	44@48	Rye,	0 00@1 08

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I hereby give notice that the County, Road, Poor, School and Dog Taxes for the year 1881 are now due and payable at the residence of the subscriber.

PURNEL J. LYNCH, Collector, Mount Pleasant, Del.

june10-3t.

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Purse $100—1st, $50; 2d, $25; 3d, $15; 4th, $10.

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Purse $200—1st, $100; 2d, $50; 3d, $30; 4th, $20.

No. 3—2.28 Class.
Purse $300—1st, $150; 2d, $80; 3d, $40; 4th, $30.

No. 4—2.24 Class.
Purse $400—1st, $200; 2d, $100; 3d, $60; 4th, $40.

Entries will close on Monday, June 27th, at 11 P. M. All entries must be sealed and directed to

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June3-4t.

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MRS. CAUTHORN,

Wishes to inform the Ladies of Middletown and vicinity that she will remain in the town six weeks, and would like to form a class in Art Embroidery. Any one desirous of taking lessons will please call on her, at Mr. Millers' on Green Street, and examine her stock and work.

☞ Course of three lessons, $1.50. jn.10-2t*

Miscellaneous Adv'ts.

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These are articles of such every-day household use, that few people who handle them stop to consider how they are made, or of what material.

With many purchasers, it satisfies them to be told that the articles are of solid silver.

But it is not enough to know that a fork or a spoon is made of silver. There are great differences in silver; and there are all grades of workmanship in the making of these articles.

Our Forks and Spoons are made of Solid Silver, of the British Sterling Standard.

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Our facilities for making Spoons and Forks in very large quantities, and for purchasing entirely for cash, enable us to sell these important articles of table service at even lower prices than people are paying elsewhere for inferior ones.

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A Dose of Tarrant's Seltzer Aperient has removed the agony of rheumatism, and its continued use entirely healed the patient. Rheumatism is but little understood. Some empirics resort to embrocations, which are really dangerous. It is now acknowledged to be a blood disease, resulting from acidity. This aperient corrects all such acidity, and thus cures the disease. All rheumatic sufferers are advised to try it. ☞ SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS, may27-4t.

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Though we aim always to give our very best and closest attention to the purchasing of all the goods for our many departments, yet there are some kinds of goods which sometimes require a little extra scrutiny and carefulness in their selection, in order to get the *best and most desirable*. Nothing requires this more than clothing. There is so much shoddy goods sold as "all wool," and so much poorly made, ill-fitting stuff in the markets that buyers have to be exceedingly careful and particular in making their purchases to get the full worth of their money. We have always endeavored to give to our customers the "best goods at the least possible prices." This is the secret of our success, and in order to carry it out, we have given, if possible, even more than our ordinary amount of carefulness and attention to this branch of our business, of which we are now writing, viz.: Clothing. Our purchases were made *direct* from some of the largest, best and most reliable manufacturers in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Every article was carefully inspected by the senior member of the firm, assisted by one of our most experienced salesmen, with a view to quality, make, fit and style, which, we feel, justifies us in saying that we believe we have one of the choicest, handsomest and most desirable stocks of clothing for Men, Youths and Boys ever offered to the people of Delaware and Eastern Maryland. Our stock is large and of great variety in style, price and size, so that none, large or small, old or young, rich or poor need go away disappointed. The following small list will give a slight idea (only), of some of our goods:

Men's Cassimere Suits, all sizes,	from $4.50	to $20.00
Youths' "	" 4.00	to 15.00
Boys' and Childrens' "	2.00	to 8.00

We cannot undertake to mention *all*. We most cordially invite all who want clothing to come and see us. We will do you good.

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES!

Those who prefer to select the goods and have their clothing made to their order, can find here as nice an assortment of cloths and cassimeres, perhaps, as they need wish to choose from, in many qualities and prices, from 50c. to $3.50 per yard, which we will make to order and guarantee a good fit.

DRESS GOODS.

In this department, our stock is even larger and fuller than common, comprising an elegant and varied assortment of staple and fancy goods, in all the newest and most popular styles and colors, such as six-quarter Gilbert and Franklin Sackings and Suitings, all wool, very fine, very handsome, and always desirable, and never out of style; ¾ Suitings, all wool, new colors, plain and checked, fine quality and pretty; Pekin Stripes, Plaids, Lustres, Pongees, Shoodas, Debeges, Buntings—plain and lace; Grenadines, Cashmeres, Hernanies, Silks and many other choice fabrics that can only be appreciated properly when seen. These are by no means all our dress goods, but they are enough to give some idea of the nature of our stock, and we trust our lady friends will come and see for themselves. We have also a splendid line of Linen de India, Victoria Lawns, Dotted Swiss, Linen and Muslin, LAWNS, DRESS GINGHAMS, CRETONNES, PERCALES, PRINTS, &c., in large assortment, and of choice selection. Send for samples.

DRESS TRIMMINGS!

Our assortment of these is very choice, comprising the new styles in Plaids, Stripes, Brocades, Damasses, Novelties, &c., in all the popular shades, and at prices ranging from 25 cts. to $1.50, so that we can reasonably hope to *suit almost everyone.*

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We have a large and choice assortment of these goods, to which we ask especial attention. An Ingrain at 60c. very handsome. Our Mattings particularly commend themselves to the attention of buyers, for pattern, quality and price. They were bought from New York importers *direct*, and we feel justified in saying that no cheaper or better line of them was ever offered to our people.

CORSETS, GLOVES, HOSIERY!

Dr. Warner's Flexible Hip, Warner's Adjustable, Warner's Health, Warner's Abdominal, Warner's Nursing, Warner's Misses, Thompson's Glove Fitting, Thompson's Adjustable Belt, Mrs. Moody's Abdominal, Spoon Busk, Wilson's Corset Waists. These are a few of the best known makes of corsets that can always be found on our shelves, in addition to which we carry many others, white and colored, spoon busk and straight steel, embroidered and plain, and in all sizes, from 18 to 36, and ranging in price from 50 cts. to $2.50.

In Gloves, our stock of Kid, Lisle and Berlin is very large and very cheap. Our *guaranteed* Kid Gloves, in three-button, are the best at the price that can be found anywhere. We also have a most excellent 3-button, in all colors, at 45 cts., which can't be beat in any city, and a 3-band Lisle Glove for 18 cts.

BOOTS AND SHOES!

Mens' Fine Calf and medium weight Kip Boots, Mens' and Boys' Congress, Button and Lace Shoes in Calf, Buff and Kip; Youths' and Childrens' Button and Lace Shoes, from 75cts. to $1.00. Ladies' Misses' and Childrens' Curacco Kid Button, Lasting, Kid-foxed, Button, Pebble Button and Lace Shoes, at all prices. A womens' good shoe, button and lace at $1.25. Child's French and Curacoa kid and pebble, button and lace shoes in great variety, from 35 cents upwards. Ladies' and Misses' Kid, Newport Ties, Kid Slippers, Lasting and Goat Slippers.

We cannot undertake to enumerate the almost unlimited number and variety of goods that our immense stock, occupying, as it does, three different stores, all filled to overflowing, contains, otherwise there would be no room for anything else in the TRANSCRIPT.

All who read are heartily invited to come, see, buy and be happy.

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☞ Terms.—$7 to $10 per Week $2 per Day.

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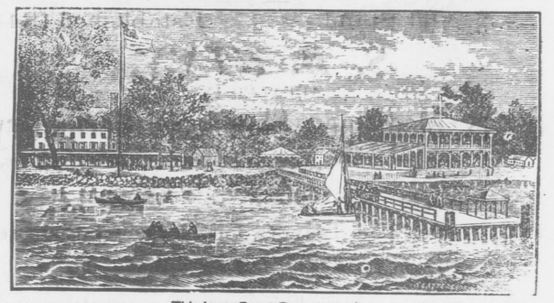

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17, 1881.

DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN.

Going North,	7:55 A.M.	11:07 A.M.	5:32 P.M.
Going South,	10.39 A.M.	2:10 P.M.	7:32 P.M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— The public schools of Middletown will close on Friday next.

— Miss Fannie Reynolds has returned home for the vacation.

— Our new buildings have been delayed by the scarcity of bricks.

— "Billee Taylor" at the hall to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

— Wheat harvest will be about ten days later than it was last season.

— The Spring trade holds on well, all the merchants being busy still.

— The oil painting man was around this week seeking whom he might cheat.

— The Texas ponies are gone, and we presume that this community is happier.

— Cox & Bro. have just completed a handsome cabriolet for Mrs. H. N. Willits.

— Col. Hanson has put up a four-ton Fairbanks' scale near the Woodall building.

— Services will be held in Old St. Anne's Church on Sunday, 26th inst., at 10.30 A. M.

— The regular meeting of the Mutual Loan Association will be held on Tuesday evening.

— Morrison now has the foundation of the new brick block on Main street nearly completed.

— Middletown was largely represented at the dramatic entertainment at Odessa, Tuesday evening.

— Harry Mobray caught with a perch hook, in the mill-pond, on Saturday, a black bass weighing over a pound.

— Joe Parsons is taking a vacation down at Chestertown, visiting his old friends, and fishing for Chester river crabs.

— If anybody has recently found a stray bunch of keys on the street, they can hear of an owner at the TRANSCRIPT office.

— A number of our public spirited citizens have subscribed liberally toward aiding the Irving Lyceum in the purchase of a piano.

— Assistant State Superintendent Carpenter examined fifteen applicants for teachers' certificates, at the Academy, on Wednesday.

— Rev. Mr. Kaye, of Wilmington, will exchange with Rev. Mr. Lewis, of St. Anne's Church, on Sunday next, morning and evening.

— The Jubilee Singers will hold forth at the Town Hall this evening. A large number of reserved-seat tickets have already been sold.

— Mrs. Grubb will go to Ocean Grove, N. J., on Tuesday, to open her cottages for the season. J. H. Emerson will be chief engineer in the clerk's office.

— Just before the eclipse took place, Sunday morning, the moon went behind a cloud and hid, and those who had lost a night's rest to see it were mad.

— The commencement of Bayard Institute will be a pleasant event of next week. The exercises will take place in Middletown Hall on Wednesday evening.

— The Town Commissioners will probably soon organize a Board of Health, under the law providing for the creation of such boards, passed by the late Legislature.

— We were misinformed in regard to the vote on the water-works, it seems. It was not quite unanimous, but three to one, one member of the board being absent.

— The plans for the improvement of Forest Presbyterian Church are now in the hands of the committee. If they are adopted, the building will certainly be a very handsome one.

— Rev. W. C. Alexander will, on Sunday evening next, 19th inst., preach the sermon to young men which has been referred to before in this column. The public is cordially invited.

— Nearly one hundred self-binding harvesting machines have been sold in this section this season, and the "new-fangled" machine will soon be seen at work in almost every wheat field.

— An excursion from Georgetown, Md., to Tolchester and Baltimore will be run on July 4th, leaving the first named point at 7 o'clock in the morning. A stage will probably be run from Middletown to connect with the steamer.

— The stables at the Middletown hotel have been roofed with slate this week. We are glad to note that the day of tarred paper, for roofing material, is gone by in this section. Slate or iron are now almost universally used here.

— Miss Bessie Conrey, Miss Alice Wood, Messrs. M. L. Hardcastle, S. M. Reynolds, Wm. Wood, Frank L. Nowland and Jacob Maxwell, of this vicinity, attended the commencement ball at Newark. A judge of such delicate matters affirms that the handsomest lady at the ball resides south of the canal.

— William Green, Esq., who holds the controlling interest in the Middletown Library has kindly consented to turn the books over to the Irving Lyceum when that society has secured a suitable room as its permanent quarters. There are about 600 volumes in this library, including many standard works.

— Messrs. H. G. Riley and W. W. Cannon, under the firm name of Riley & Cannon have opened their new flour, feed and grain store, in the building recently occupied by T. E. Lindley. They are neatly fixed and are carrying a full stock in their line. Their business card will be found in our advertising columns.

— "Woodland Beach," the favorite resort to which our people made several pleasant excursions last summer, is now open, and Mr. Millington is prepared to make it pleasant for visitors. Some rainy day next summer we'll get up a Sunday school excursion, go down there and have more fun than we'll know what to do with.

— The ladies of Armstrong's Chapel held a pleasant and successful festival on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, which was attended by many of our people. The thanks of the TRANSCRIPT are due these ladies for their kind remembrance, and the local editor regrets that circumstances prevented him from being present.

— The frequent robberies of stores and dwellings ought to be a warning to those who keep large sums of money about the house. Burglars always happen in when they are the least expected, and nothing amuses them more than a lock on a bureau drawer. If you have any loose money put it in bank. Don't let it lie about the house; we never do.

—In a recent letter about public libraries, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes says: "When a library is once fairly begun, it becomes more and more valuable every year, as a matter of course, for it grows like a rolling snowball. Such a library is as necessary to a town as a nest is to a pair of birds. Scholars are sure to be hatched in it sooner or later, and, in all such institutions, you see a good many old birds love to nestle and find themselves warm and comfortable, whether they sing or breed or not."

County.

— The Delaware City and Pomroy railroad is to be put in working order soon.

— The 183d anniversary of old Swede's Church, at Wilmington, was appropriately celebrated on Sunday last.

— The farm of the late John H. McFarland, near Hare's Corner, was sold on Tuesday to William Banks, of New Castle, for $85.50 per acre.

— A nine-year-old son of Robert Cottingham, foreman of the Wilmington City Water Department, was kicked by a horse on Tuesday, receiving injuries from which he died on the same day.

— Children's Day was appropriately celebrated in the Odessa M. E. Church. The chancel was beautifully decorated, and the music was excellent. Rev. J. M. Williams, of Wesleyan Female College, preached in the morning, and Hon. T. N. Williams, in the afternoon, delivered an able address on education. The sermon in the evening was preached by Rev. J. M. Williams.

State.

— The raspberry crop of Delaware promises to be fine.

— Hannah Griswell, residing near Felton, was killed by lightning last week.

— Blackbird hundred rejoices in a curiosity in the way of a chicken with four legs.

— The Sussex county girl who took saltpeter for epsom salts has recovered and got married.

— Purnell F. Harrington, of Dover, has been promoted to the rank of commander, U. S. Navy.

— Collins' Beach was formally opened for the season with a pleasant hop, Thursday evening.

— The Smyrna *Times* says that the slug has made its appearance on the pear trees in considerable numbers.

— The army-worm is doing great damage to the corn crop about Lewes. The farmers are endeavoring to arrest the further progress of this pest by plowing trenches around their fields.

— The *Delawarean* reports the following land sales: Farm of Edward W. Patten, near Lebanon, of 97½ acres, to Wm. D. Leonard. Price paid, $8,500. House and lot of Chas. Rimmey, on State street, to Jas. A. Clifton. Price, $800.

— John Brothers, of Appoquinimink hundred, who has had so much trouble over his pension claim, is the father of eighteen children, including six pairs of twins. The opinion that he ought to have his pension is almost unanimous.

— The State Board of Health met at Dover on Tuesday and elected Dr. L. P. Bush, President, and Dr. William Marshall, Secretary, for the ensuing year. After the election of officers the Board adjourned to meet in Middletown on the 11th of October next.

— About thirty members of the Union M. E. Church, of the Appoquinimink Circuit, made a call, on Wednesday last, at the parsonage, in Blackbird, for the purpose of spending an evening with their young and beloved minister, Rev. R. K. Stephenson.—*Smyrna Times.*

— The following have been appointed delegates to represent the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Delaware in the National Temperance Convention to be held at Saratoga Springs, June 21st: Mrs. Sarah Bringhurst, Mrs. A. Chandler, Miss Annie Semple, Wilmington; Mrs. Mary L. Cox, Middletown; Miss Emma E. Smith, Dover.

— The "Potter" estate, lying in the vicinity of Milford and containing 2,627 acres, will be sold on the 19th of July next. It is laid off in tracts ranging from 50 to 200 acres, some of which contain valuable white-oak timber. This property was left by the Testator to the poor of Kent county, and the sale was authorized at the recent session of the legislature.

Maryland Matters.

— J. Thos. Scharf, Esq., the well-known Maryland historian, proposes to publish a complete history of the Eastern Shore.

— A Chestertown cow fell into a well, but was hauled out by a block and tackle, and is still in fair repair, though it is feared she may give watered milk for some time.

— The *Democrat* says that five gallon kegs labeled "varnish," but bearing the United States stamp required for that much "tangle foot," is the latest introduction into Cecil.

— The new Methodist Episcopal church, on Deal's island, which was to have been dedicated on Sunday next, by Rev. George W. Miller, was almost entirely demolished by the storm of Thursday of last week.

— Joel Thomas, residing in the upper part of this county, near Ingleside, has sold his farm to C. H. R. Merrick, Esq., for $10,000. This is a valuable estate, and advantageously located near churches, schools and railroad station.—*Centreville Record.*

— Charles H. Baker and Richard Hynson, Esqs., as trustees, sold last Tuesday, at the Voshell house, the "Forest" farm, containing 310½ acres, to Mr. Anthony Bell, of Baltimore, for $14,034.60. H. W. Vickers, Esq., as trustee, sold at the same place, the Vanhorn part of the Clark farm, containing 80 acres and 5 perches, for $2,003.35, J. H. Porter, purchaser.—*Chestertown Transcript.*

— John Wroth, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Sassafras Neck, died of pneumonia, at his home, on Friday of last week, and James W. Wroth, a brother of the above, died suddenly, of heart disease, at his home, in Camden, N. J., on Saturday afternoon. The latter was at one time City Treasurer of Camden, and was long a prominent commission merchant of Philadelphia. He was about 62 years old, and had been unwell for some time, though not confined to the house. He was walking about only a few minutes before his death.

Sale of the Wilson Land.

The attendance of land-seekers at the administrator's sale of a part of the real estate of the late William Wilson, on Tuesday, was quite large. Six tracts and five building lots were sold as follows: No. 4, 120 acres, $46.50 per acre, W. N. Wilson, purchaser; No. 5, 200 acres, $26.50 per acre, S. R. Warren, purchaser; No. 6, 200 acres, $10 per acre, S. R. Warren, purchaser; No. 7, 152 acres of woodland, $13 per acre, George M. D. Hart, purchaser; No. 8, 28 acres, $10.25 per acre, Benj. Ginn, purchaser; No. 9, (California), 156 acres, $9 per acre, W. N. Wilson, purchaser. Building lots in Townsend: No. 1, $150, G. M. D. Hart, purchaser; No. 2, $157.50, John F. Staats, purchaser; No. 3, $77.50, and No. 4, $92.50, P. T. Jones, purchaser; No. 5, $43, S. R. Warren, purchaser. Nos. 1, 2, and 3, advertised, were not offered. Nine of the finest farms of this estate, five in Maryland and four in Delaware, are yet to be sold. The Maryland property will be offered in August, probably, and the remainder of the Delaware property at a later date.

Children's Day at the M. E. Church.

Last Sunday, with its long pageantry of music, flowers, and song, its fitting discourses and its collected throngs of bright-eyed, happy-faced youths and little ones, marked a red-letter day for our Methodist friends who yearly set apart the second Sabbath in June as a season of pleasure and offerings for the youth of their church and call it "Children's Day."

In 1866, during the celebration of the centenary of Methodism, among other notable features, was introduced that of establishing a permanent fund for the aid and encouragement of young persons of promise wishing to avail themselves of the advantages of institutions of learning. For this purpose $60,000 were contributed as the "Children's Centennial Offering for Education." This fund by 1872 had increased to $102,000, but as the proceeds of that sum were not sufficient for the design contemplated, it was resolved to increase them by annual collections in all the Sunday Schools of the church. These collections are taken upon Children's Day and make the chief, practical feature of the occasion, though a variety of interesting exercises were instituted for observance to please and attract the young and impress upon them lofty aims in life.

The sight that greeted the beholder upon entering the church, was one of singular beauty. Pulpit and chancel were filled with the choicest plants and flowers tastefully displayed so as to give a fine perspective effect. A shapely arch of green box curved above a handsome floral cross that surmounted the fern-draped rockery at its base, while just behind as a rich back-ground appeared the gilded organ pipes, set in the deep recess, that added yet another aspect of beauty by its corresponding shape. The appointments of altar, choir and chancel, peculiarly fit them for securing the finest effects of floral arrangements. Large vases filled with flowers, ornamented the chancel rail, while two large rustic baskets also loaded with vernal trophies stood floral sentinels to guard and adorn the scene of fiery cacti, rosy geraniums and many graceful plant-forms lavishly spread around. The small silk flags crossed above the chandeliers and the chirping birds swinging in their pretty cages, completed a picture of varied beauty not soon to be forgotten.

Mr. A. G. Cox, assisted by Miss Lou Cox, Miss Emma Merritt, Mrs. W. J. Griffith, Mr. R. H. Eliason and W. P. Biggs deserve the largest share of praise for the construction of this elegant design, while Mrs. M. L. Cox and Miss Ida Grubb, the honor of fashioning the cross of bouquets.

The audience room, even in its aisles, was filled with people, among whom ladies and children abounded and appeared to the spectator from behind like a vast sea of Leghorn and Tuscan, tinged with many hues of ribbons and feathers. The choir sang a fine anthem; the school followed with "Rest for the Soul"—Next came a prayer by the pastor and the Responsive Service by the school. After the singing of "Over the River," the Rev. W. L. S. Murray preached a very able sermon from John iii.-14. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." The central thought of the Rev. gentleman's sermon was "Through the Eye to the Heart." He remarked upon opening his address, "Behind me, little boys and girls, you can see many beautiful flowers; your eyes seeing them may draw your hearts to think of the good Creator who made them." Lacking space forbids our reproduction of the excellent effort that very happily achieved the difficult feat of talking intelligibly to small children. The simple worded discourse of the pastor, garnished as it was by many happily taken illustrations, which served like object lessons to make deep thought clear to little heads, gave the wee folk, who proved their appreciation by their silence, matter suited to their understandings, and might well serve a model for such trying occasions.

The afternoon services were fully as interesting as the morning services, and the congregation, in numbers, was beyond the seating capacity of the church. After an anthem by the choir and a hymn by the school, Rev. Dr. Kennedy offered a prayer, which was followed by the responsive exercises, "Our Mission," "The Fold," "Breakers" and "Sewing and Reaping." Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, Rector of St. Anne's P. E. Church, held the interest of the congregation for ten minutes with an appropriate and instructive address in which he dwelt strongly upon the value of the Bible as a guide and instructor of the young. The closing address was made by Rev. W. C. Alexander, Pastor of Forest Church, whose remarks were listened to with much interest. He referred briefly to the annual gathering of the Sunday School children in the city of Brooklyn, comparing the joyous occasion to the annual march of the migratory birds. There were two recitations, "Your Mission," by Miss Stella Jones, and "Mourn For the Thousands Slain," by Lottie Jones, both given in a manner that elicited much praise. After music by the choir and school the services closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

The evening services brought out another big congregation that filled all the seats and much of the aisles, in which chairs were placed in order to seat as many of the throng as possible. A beautiful anthem by the choir opened the services, after which the school sang "To be There" and "Gathering Home." A responsive service, "God's Majesty," followed. An instructive and interesting black-board exercise, entitled a "Chalk Talk," was given by Superintendent A. G. Cox, at the conclusion of which there was more music, followed by a responsive exercise, "God's Wisdom." Miss S. L. Downs read a beautiful selection, "The Teacher's Diadem." After music by the choir and school the congregation were dismissed by Rev. Mr. Murray.

The music throughout the day and evening was worthy of the warmest praise. Those who came expecting much in the way of good music must have more than realized their expectations. The instrumental accompaniments embraced organ, by Chas. S. Roberts; cornet, by Geo. W. Price, Irving Walker, Lloyd Chamberlaine, and bass-viol, by Samuel Price. The trained voices of the choir, sustained by this grand instrumental accompaniment, made joyous music that was well calculated to make people, both old and young, better and happier.

Pastor, Superintendent, choir, decorative committee, and all others who assisted to make the services of "Children's Day" so much of a success, must feel well pleased with the result of their arduous though cheerfully-performed labors.

Before closing this notice we must not forget a few words of praise for the *very* little folks, who sang so well and sweetly to the accompaniment of Mrs. R. L. Price, on the "baby organ." The collections at all the services were very liberal.

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The Lyceum Entertainment.

The first public entertainment of the Irving Lyceum, at the Town Hall, on Friday evening of last week was carried through successfully, and the effort to please seems to have been very favorably received on the part of the public. By the kindness of Geo. E. Dearborn, of Philadelphia, a fine Mathushek piano was placed in the hall for the occasion. The decorative committee, headed by Mr. W. P. Biggs, made the stage look almost like a flower-garden. Over the centre of the stage was suspended a graceful arch, bearing the inscription, IRVING LYCEUM, in beautiful gilt letters. From the ends of this arch were suspended hanging baskets filled with sweet flowers, while from the centre hung a little singing bird in its gilded cage. The decorative committee are entitled to much credit for the tasteful manner in which they did the part assigned them. To Miss Sylvia Wright is due the credit of the arrangement of the graceful inscription upon the arch.

A large and appreciative audience came, filling nearly every part of the hall. The reserved seats having been all eagerly taken before the doors were opened, many who came late were unable to procure desirable positions. The entertainment opened with a spirited glee, "Chiming Bells," after which Rev. Mr. Alexander, President of the Lyceum, delivered the opening address in which he referred briefly to the origin of the society, its object and its ultimate aims. His remarks were listened to with much interest, and their reception by the large and intelligent audience shows that there is much public interest in the Lyceum felt in this community. Miss May Emory, a skilled musician, of Wilmington, who kindly volunteered to assist the Society, delighted all with a fine instrumental solo, "Midsummer Night's Dream," by Mendelssohn, at the conclusion of which she was enthusiastically applauded. A quartet, "Old Farmer John," sang by Miss Belle Pennington, Mrs. R. L. Price, Dr. Kenedy and Rev. Mr. Alexander, came next on the programme, after which Mr. M. B. Burris delivered "Aunt Hannah's Views" in his inimitably humorous manner, eliciting much applause. Miss B. Pennington, always a favorite with a Middletown audience, sung a beautiful solo, "The Woodnymph's Call," which was very favorably received. As a songstress this young lady never fails to do well. "Searching for the Slain," a highly pathetic effort requiring much elocutionary ability and training, was recited by Miss S. L. Downs in a manner that elicited universal commendation. Want of space will not permit us to give this effort all the praise it is entitled to. The instrumental duet by Irving and Martie Walker was exceedingly well rendered, and received a full measure of applause. The speech of Sergeant Buzfuz, from *Pickwick Papers*, recited by Mr. W. E. Wright, with tableaux representing a Court Scene, was one of the finest efforts of the entertainment. In his impersonation of the pettyfogging lawyer, Mr. W. was extremely natural and easy in his manner, and won much applause. A duet, "O'er the Hill; O'er the Dale," by Miss V. Lynch and Miss S. L. Downs, was a fine musical effort that elicited much praise. Miss Mollie Burris, in appropriate costume and with Miss Sylvia Wright as "Niece Hannah," recited the "Quaker Widow," by Bayard Taylor, in a natural, easy and praiseworthy manner. The costuming was admirable. Miss May Emory, who possesses a sweet and highly cultivated voice, sung a beautiful solo, "She Wandered down the Mountain Side," which so pleased the audience that they insisted on a second appearance, and "No Sir" seemed to please them still more. Next, the bald-headed local editor of the TRANSCRIPT read an original essay (intended to be humorous), entitled "How I Raised the Prize Pumpkin," during the reading of which there was a painful silence, and those who dropped off into sweet slumber were kindly not disturbed until the conclusion of the piece. The solo by Miss V. Lynch, "At the Wicket Gate," was enthusiastically received. Being gifted with a voice of rare sweetness and volume, this young lady never fails to delight, and on this occasion she certainly gained new honors. She was encored and sang "Killarney." Next in order was a quartet, "Mortgage the Farm," rendered by special request, in which Mrs. R. L. Price and Mr. Geo. G. Rowe ably sustained the leading parts and won much applause. "The Senator Entangled," by James De Mille, was rendered by Miss S. L. Downs and Mr. M. B. Burris in a manner that kept the audience laughing throughout the scene. The lady and gentleman who enacted this bit of pleasantry certainly possess rare dramatic ability. The closing quartet, "Good Night," sung by Mrs. R. L. Pricee, Miss Belle Pennington, Dr. Kennedy and Mr. W. N. Wilson, was a fine effort that has been warmly praised.

The Lyceum certainly ought to be pleased with its success in its initial public entertainment and it will doubtless be able to do even better next time. The net receipts were very encouraging. In conclusion, the local editor wants to say something about the bouquet he received at the close of his effort. It was a small bouquet in a very large bandbox. The flowers were sweet and pretty, but he appreciated the bandbox more. A bandbox is the emblem of woman, God's first and best gift to man, up to date.

M. E. Sunday School Election.

The annual election for officers of the M. E. Sunday School was held on Tuesday evening, and resulted in the selection of the following: Superintendent, A. G. Cox; Assistant Superintendent, W. J. H. Lingo; Secretary, G. E. Hukill; Assistant Secretary, Miss Addie Hazzard; Treasurer, J. M. Cox; Librarian, Harry Jones; Assistant Librarian, E. B. Rice; Organist, Chas. S. Roberts. In the primary department, Mrs. V. Massey was elected Superintendent, and Mrs. R. L. Price, Assistant Superintendent. It was decided by the school to join with the M. E. Sunday School of Odessa in an excursion to the Zoological Garden, Philadelphia, to be made sometime during July.

Honors to Delaware Boys.

Henry R. Craven, son of Thos. J. Craven, Esq., formerly of this county, now of Salem, N. J., will graduate at the Lawrenceville, N. J., high school, June 30th, with the first honors of his class, the Valedictory. In the same class of twelve, J. P. Dunning, of Middletown, has the second honors, the Latin Salutatory. These young men are cousins. We are glad to note that Delaware boys will thus carry off both the first and second honors on this occasion, and in so large a class, too.

"Billee Taylor"

The charming Nautical opera, entitled as above, which has been even as great a success as Pinafore was, will be presented at a matinee performance at Middletown Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), afternoon, at 2 o'clock, by Ford's Baltimore Opera Co., under the management of Miss Emma R. Steiner. The scenery and costumes are from Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, and the company is a fine one. There will be but one performance. Rates of admission, 50, 35 and 25 cents.

Irving Lyceum.

At the regular meeting of the Lyceum on Monday evening last there was nearly a full attendance of members. The President being absent, Vice-President Murray presided. The report of the committee on General Arrangements for the recent public entertainment was submitted and adopted. On motion of Dr. Kennedy a vote of thanks was extended to those who, though not members of the society, gave their valued aid at the recent entertainment. On motion, the names of Miss V. Lynch, of Mount Pleasant, and Miss May Emory, of Wilmington, were elected honorary members of the society. Mr. W. P. Biggs moved that a committee be appointed to purchase a piano, and the discussion of that question took up a good part of the evening, the opposition taking the ground that the purchase of a piano should be deferred. The matter was referred to a committee, who will report at the next meeting. It was decided that the meeting, on Monday evening next, should be the closing one of the season, and that the fall meetings should begin on the first Monday in October, by which time, it is expected a cosy room will be procured for the future meetings of the society. The election of officers will take place at the next meeting, and, on this account, especially, a full attendance of members is desired. Previous to adjournment, the Lyceum was very much entertained by excellent music. Miss V. Lynch and Miss S. L. Downs sang a favorite duet, and, at the urgent solicitation of the society, Miss Lynch sang "Killarney."

Delaware College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of this institution were unusually interesting. Rev. Charles H. Reed, D. D., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon in the Oratory on Sunday evening, to a large audience. The examination and declamations took place on Monday evening. Two prizes were offered by the Alumni Association—one for declamation and one for reading. The former was conferred on J. Bernard Cush, and the latter on Miss Mamie W. Polk. The anniversary of the Athenean Literary Society took place on Tuesday evening. S. H. Messick, of Bridgeville, Del., delivered the society address and Rev. James Y. Mitchell, of Lancaster, Pa., was orator of the evening. Altogether the commencement this year was a great success. S. Harrington Messick, of Bridgeville, was the salutatorian, and William H. Purnell, Jr., the valedictorian. There were eight graduates, as follows: Robert H. Wright, Jr., A. B., Wilmington, Del.; Thomas R. McDowell, A. B., Cecil county, Md.; John S. McNeill, A. B., Minneapolis, Minn.; William H. Purnell, Jr., A. B., Newark, Del.; Samuel H. Messick, Ph. B., Bridgeville, Del.; Rodney H. Richardson, Ph. B., Lewes, Del.; Peter F. Meredith, Ph. B., Petersburg, Del.; John F. Pearce, Ph. B., Wilmington, Del.

"Comrades."

The repetition of "Comrades" by the Odessa Dramatic Association, in the Odessa Hall, on Tuesday evening, was a great success. The former representations of this play having been fully noticed in these columns, we have little to add, save that this last performance was even better than the others. Every part was ably sustained, and there was not a flaw or "kink" during the entire three acts of this charming comedy. Miss Rachie Appleton, Miss Maggie Williams, and Miss Mattie Green sustained the female parts, and Messrs. Brown, Vandegrift, Perry and Corbit the male parts as before. The large audience certainly enjoyed the drama hugely. If this excellent dramatic association ever decides to come to Middletown, it may rest assured that it will receive a hearty reception.

The Doctors.

The State Medical Society of Delaware, met at Dover on Tuesday. Several original essays were read, and the following officers were elected: President, D. H. Hall, of Lewes; Vice President, M. G. Lofland, of Milford; Treasurer, J. W. Sharp, of Camden; Secretary, G. W. Marshall. The society adjourned to meet at Rehoboth on the second Tuesday in June.

The Churches.

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, Rector. Morning services and sermon, 10:30 a.m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 p.m. Evening prayer, Friday, 4 p.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. W. C Alexander, Pastor. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School, 9:15 a. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. L. S. Murray, Pastor. Sunday morning service, 10:30; evening service at 7:45. Sunday School, 2 p.m.

TOWNSEND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. T. E. Bell, Pastor. Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School, 2:30 p.m.

ODESSA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Hutchins, Pastor. Sunday services, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School, 2 p.m.

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